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<u>Amendment A</u>

Dear Examiner:

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed 12/3/2003 (Paper #4) for the subject application, in which claims 1-35 were rejected. An extension fee for response within the first month is being submitted concurrently herewith.

By way of the present amendment, claims 1 and 22-35 have been amended and claims 4-14 have been canceled. Twenty four (24) claims remain pending in the application: claims 1-3 and 15-35, of which claims 1 and 22 are independent. Applicant submits that this amendment places the claims in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims, in view of the claim amendments and comments below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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